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Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, this Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated October 17, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated March 23, 2004. A request for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are enclosed. Applicant has also enclosed herewith a Rule 132 Declaration of Raphael Wong.

You are hereby authorized to charge any deficit or credit any surplus to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for that purpose. Applicant hereby amends the above-entitled application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.